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SUBJ: BORBA ATTACK ON NEW YORK TIMES, CRUSADES AND
NEO-MCCARTHYISM

REF: BELGRADE 855; BELGRADE 858

1. FEB 28 BORBA HITS "PROPAGANDA ORGANS IN THE WEST" WHICH ARE
ATTACKING YUGOSLAVIA THROUGH COVERAGE OF MIHAJLOV TRIAL.
COVERAGE "BRINGS BACK WORST DAYS OF COLD WAR AND BLIND
MCCARTHYIST WITCH HUNTS". NEWEST EXPRESSION OF THIS IS
NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL "BEARING BOMBASTIC HEADLINE "BELGRADE
STALINISM". RIDICULING TIMES REFERENCES TO POSSIBLE DEATH
PENALTY FOR MIHAJLOV AND POSSIBILITY OF RETURN TO PRE-1948
SITUATION, BORBA CALLS THIS ATTEMPT AT "INTERFERENCE IN OUR
PROFOUNDLY INTERNAL AFFAIRS" AND CONNECTS IT TO SUPPORT FOR
"UNCHECKED ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN A SOCIALIST COUNTRY".
BORBA CALLS TIMES EDITORIAL AND OTHER WESTERN COVERAGE
"CRUSADES AND MCCARTHYISM WHICH ACHIEVE NOTHING".

2. COMMENT: BORBA EDITORIAL TAKES OCCASION PROVIDED BY
TIMES EDITORIAL TO RETURN TO TITO COMMENT IN FEB 25 SPEECH
THAT ATTEMPTS BY WESTERN PRESS TO BLOW UP MIHAJLOV'S IMPORTANCE
ARE PART OF "GROWING WITCH HUNT" ORGANIZED AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA.
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FEB 28 BORBA COMMENTS ARE AMONG SHARPEST SO FAR IN CONTINUING

CRITICISM OF WESTERN PRESS.

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